

Community Assessment Program Area 38 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on September 17, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 38 is bound on the east by 79th Avenue, on the north by Bonita Road, on the west by Hall Boulevard and on the south by Durham Road.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

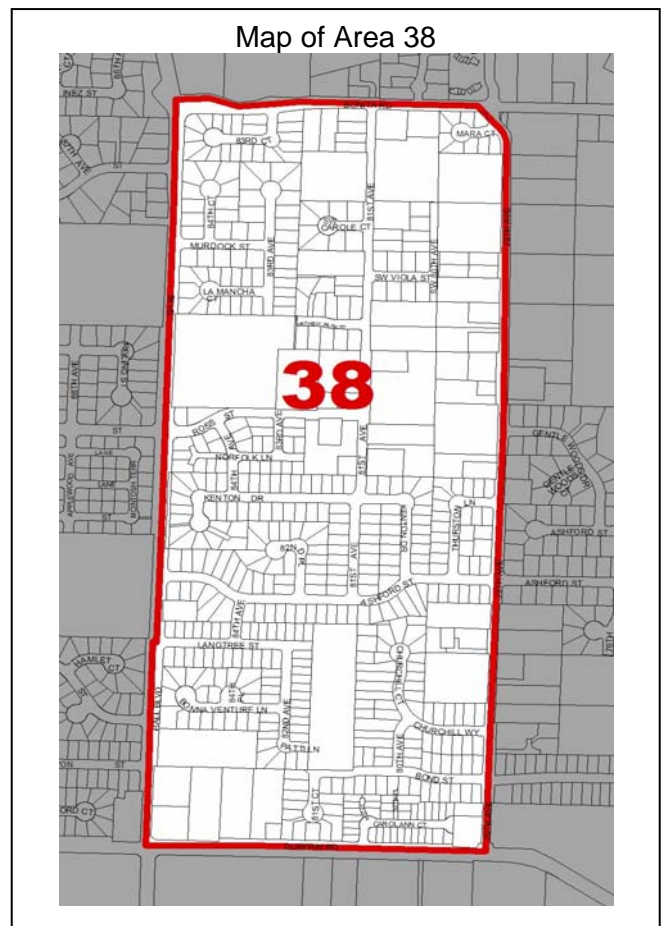
Kudos – Lots of Kudos for this area including nice landscaping comments and well maintained parks.

Trip Hazards on sidewalks – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling, and overgrown vegetation that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us.

Street maintenance – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or howard@ci.tigard.or.us

Storm drain stenciling – None of the storm drains in the area are stenciled to discourage dumping. The city's volunteer coordinator has added storm drain stenciling in this area to the potential volunteer project list. If you're interested in helping out, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

Vegetation blocking fire hydrants – There were a few examples where vegetation had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or sam@ci.tigard.or.us.



Vegetation obscuring traffic signs – There was at least one example where vegetation had been allowed to grow tall enough to partially obscure a traffic sign. This can create a potential safety hazard. The Public Works Department will send someone out to assess the situation and recommend appropriate follow-up action but you can help in the future by keeping vegetation trimmed away from important signs. For more information, contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or sam@ci.tigard.or.us.

New sidewalks – While new sidewalks are generally the responsibility of developers of property owners, there are several roads in this area that are higher classifications than local streets. In these cases, the City may choose to allocate funds for sidewalks in the interest of the City as a whole. The Engineering Department has been asked to review and comment on potential timing and funding of road improvements. For more information, contact City Engineer Gus Duenas at 639-4171 ext 2470 or gus@ci.tigard.or.us.

Basketball hoops in right-of-way – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks or in the street which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops appeared in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us.

Addresses not visible – There are many homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or 27047@ci.tigard.or.us

More ways you can help make our community better –

Neighborhood Watch - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

Help protect our streams - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us. The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.